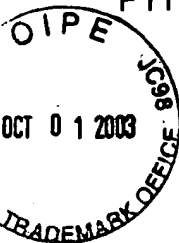


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Chromosome 7p15-21 and Uses Thereof**
Inventor(s): Frank, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7570/73298 (formerly 81994/279322)

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Request for Continued Examination;
2. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, with attachments;
4. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
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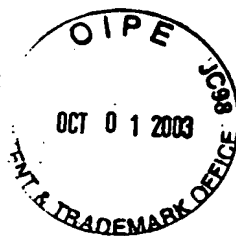
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